

REMARKS

Claims 1, 10, 12-15, 23, 34-36, 38-39, 45, 56-61, and 88 are pending. Claim 16 is cancelled without prejudice. Claims 1, 45, and 56-61 are amended. Claim 88 is newly added. No new matter was added. Support for the amendments may be found on at least page 7, lines 8-17 and page 13, lines 7-11 of the specification and in Figure 4. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration in view of the amendments and the following remarks.

Interview

Applicant thanks the Examiner (Blanche Wong) for the courtesies extended to Applicant's attorney, Michael E. Hussey (reg. no. 63,265), during the telephonic interview of December 4, 2008. During the interview, Claim 1 was discussed. The Examiner agreed that Claim 1 may be allowable when re-written to remove language from the preamble and to include the features of Claim 16 minus the features of "interacting through the first web page with a second web page displayed to the party to be called," and Applicant's attorney agreed to amend Claim 1 accordingly.

Claim Objections – Informalities

Claims 23, 45, and 56-61 were objected to due to informalities. Applicant thanks the Examiner for the suggestions. Claims 23, 45, and 56-61 are amended and no longer contain the objected to informalities. These amendments are not narrowing and are not made in view of prior art. Although Applicant believes that the phrase "computer readable medium" is supported by the specification, Claims 45 and 56-61 are amended as suggested by the Examiner in order to expedite prosecution. Therefore, Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the objections to Claims 23, 45, and 56-61.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 23, 34-36, 38-39, 45, and 56-61 were allowed. Claims 15 and 16 were objected to as being dependent on a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim.

As agreed in the Interview, independent base Claim 1 is rewritten to include the features of Claim 16, to remove language from the preamble, and to remove the features of "interacting through the first web page with a second web page displayed to the party to be called." Consequently, Claim 1 is allowable.

Claim Rejections – 35 USC § 103

Claims 1, 10, 13, and 14 were rejected as obvious in view of the combination of US Pat No. 6,658,100 to Lund ("Lund"), US Pat No. 6,868,140 to Myers et al. ("Myers"), and U.S. Pat. No. 5,712,906 to Grady et al. ("Grady"). Claim 12 was rejected as obvious in view of the combination of Lund, Myers, Grady and US Pat. No. 6,865,681 to Nuutinen. However, Myers, Grady, and Nuutinen, either separately or in combination, fail to teach or suggest the features of amended Claim 1 of:

initiating a Voice over Internet Protocol call via a protocol server, wherein initiating the Voice over Internet Protocol call includes requesting information about a party to be called from a protocol server;

receiving a Universal Resource Locator in response to the request for the information about the party to be called from the protocol server; and

displaying to a caller one or more connection options in a first web page, wherein displaying the one or more connection options includes ... using group scheduling software to determine an appointment schedule of the party to be called and modifying the one or more connection options based on the appointment schedule of the party to be called.

(Emphasis Applicant's) For at least the foregoing reasons, Claim 1 is allowable. Claims 10 and 12-14 depend from Claim 1. Therefore, Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the rejections of Claims 1, 10, 12, 13, and 14.

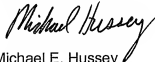
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The present pending claims of this application are allowable and Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to issue a Notice of Allowance for this application. Should the Examiner deem a telephone conference to be beneficial in expediting allowance/examination of this application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael Hussey", written in a cursive style.

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